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 The purpose of this Association shall be the advancement of our members' interests educationally, legislatively and economically.

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WALTER W. WIGHTMAN

It may be time to take an inventory of what Farm Bureau does really stand for. What do we believe and what do we wish to accomplish?
 There are many farm organizations, commodity organizations, and various types of organizational activities all built around agricultural interests of one kind or another.
 The American Farm Bureau Federation is the only nationwide farm organization in existence. It is a federation of 49 states and Puerto Rico. Even Hawaii is included.
 In other words, it is a federation of 49 state Farm Bureau organizations, with a total membership of over 1,500,000 member families. In terms of individuals, this would mean well over three million.
 In terms of total membership, it ranks well over five times the size of its nearest competitor and two and one-half times the combined membership of all other general organizations.
 In spite of what may have been said about us, we are interested in a better income, a better

standard of living, more freedom for the farmer to use his own initiative. This would be inevitable since we are all farmers and have to make our own living by tilling the soil.
 So, we are interested in better homes and surroundings, better communities and community activities, better churches and schools, and better services to farmers in everything he has to buy.
 We are interested in research, better and more productive livestock, and better and more prolific farm crops, and better ways to market our crops.
 So, we develop marketing organizations and bargaining associations to meet competition in the marketing field. We are developing these things just as cheaply as possible with as much local control as possible.
 We work for legislation that will help to accomplish these things.
 We believe in the American competitive enterprise system, that a person should be rewarded in accordance with his productive contribution to society.
 We believe that government should provide only minimum controls and aids, that government should stimulate—not discourage—individual initiative.
 We believe that monopoly—whether by government, industry, labor or agriculture—is dangerous.
 We believe that voluntary cooperation is part of the American system. All of this should be undegraded by our religious faith.
 We do not believe in coercion. We believe in voluntary rather than enforced membership in any organization. This provides justice and freedom, as our Constitution intended, for every individual.
 As we work for these things, we will often find ourselves opposed to things in our legislative halls more than we like to be. It will take much more energy and initiative to be first with something we can work for than it does to wait for some interest to develop something which we feel we must oppose.
 But this is our responsibility. We are dedicated to the preservation of our American heritage. We are working for a better America.

Today in Farm Bureau

ROGER N. FOERCH
 Manager of Organization Division, Michigan Farm Bureau
 May has finally arrived and with it, the end of winter (I hope). This also means more farm work and less emphasis on Farm Bureau activity.
 April was another busy month in Farm Bureau plus providing us with a "big white surprise." The activities this past month were quite varied.
 The Spring Institutes were completed with the final meeting in Rapid River in District 11. After checking the attendance, our records show that only one county was absent. All the rest were represented on one or more of the committees involved.
 North Carolina. Michigan Farm Bureau was honored by a visit from the North Carolina Farm Bureau. The group was made up of 160 key leaders, men and women. The purpose of their visit was to observe as North Carolina is in the process of doing some reorganizing. Michigan was one of several states that was visited.

Farm Bureau Women are holding their Spring District meetings in April and May. Part of their program is being devoted to a discussion of (1) Emergency Field Grain Bill; (2) Administration's Farm Bill; (3) Farm Bureau's Cropland Adjustment Program; (4) World Trade and how the Rotterdam Trade Center Fits into the over-all picture.
 Our information Division has ventured into a new field. Mr. Woell is making a Farm Bureau column available to newspapers throughout the state. To date, 21 papers are taking advantage of this service.
 Market Development Division has been busy meeting with groups of pickle growers and Lack of judgment in spending money causes more family trouble than the lack of money.

discussing their interest in our new subsidiary, the Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association.
Farm Bureau Young People have held District meetings. They are in the process of planning their two summer camps and the various projects that make up an active and productive year. They are: Talk Meet, Talent Find, a possible Miss Farm Bureau contest, Camp Kett, State Fair, Ionia Fair Cafeteria, and others.
Membership stands at 68,752 or 95.3% of goal.
 Let's take a look at the month of May:
 1. State Committee meets.
 2. New State Membership Committee.
 3. Continue to show "Operation Abolition" and "Communism on the Map."

200 Tons Beans to England by Seaway

Michigan Elevator Exchange has announced the sale of 200 tons (4,480 bags) of beans to William H. Wilcox at London, England for canning. The beans will move from Marlette Farmers Elevator to the Port Huron Seaway Terminal for loading to the S.S. Beechmore of the Furness-Withley line for transportation to England by way of the Great Lakes, St. Lawrence Seaway.



Served Many Years

BURR H. THOMPSON, 69, of 408 Kipling Boulevard, Lansing, a retired employee of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., died suddenly at Cadillac April 12.
 Mr. Thompson served Farm Bureau Companies in accounting, credit, and financial services for many years, beginning in 1938. He retired in 1956, but continued to do occasional work for Farm Bureau Services in the sale of its securities.
 Mr. Thompson's survivors include his wife, Leila, and two sons, Eugene of Lansing, and Russell of Vernon.

Two Camps In June for Young People

The Farm Bureau Young People's summer camps are planned and reservations can be made through your County Farm Bureau. This year, two camps will be conducted with the same general program at both locations.
 The first camp will be held June 14-18 at Clear Lake near Dowling. The second will be June 21-25 at Camp Kett near Tustin.
 The program will be comprised of discussions about Farm Bureau and planning county young people's programs. Jerry Cordrey of the American Farm Bureau will be at both camps as a speaker and discussion leader.
 Each of the young people's project areas will receive some time in the camping program. Talk Meet and Talent Find projects will be discussed and demonstrations will be made on both contests.
 Recreation will also be an important part of the camp program. Swimming, softball and volley ball will be conducted during daytime recreation periods with square and folk dancing available for evening sessions.
 Reservations must be made with your County Farm Bureau before June 1st.

NINE HELPFUL HINTS ON POTATO BLIGHT CONTROL

- 1 MAKE PLANS NOW.** Early and late blight are always threats in every potato state... they wait for no one.
- 2 HAVE EQUIPMENT READY.** Check and replace faulty nozzles; calibrate your sprayer to deliver the right gallonage.
- 3 START EARLY.** Don't wait for blight to strike. The danger of blight attacks is increased by abundant rainfall, fogs, heavy dews, cool nights after warm days, and by irrigation.
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- 5 APPLY DITHANE M-22 AT CORRECT DOSAGES:**

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small vines	medium vines	large vines
1 lb./Acre	1½ lbs./Acre	2 lbs./Acre
- 6 TIME YOUR DITHANE M-22 SPRAYS CORRECTLY:**

Low Blight Potential	Moderate Blight Potential	High Blight Potential
7-10 days	6-8 days	5-7 days
- 7 DON'T SKIP ANY DITHANE M-22 APPLICATIONS.** Many growers combine fungicide-insecticide sprays and, if insects are not a threat, will skip one or more sprays. Skipping a DITHANE M-22 application may give blight spores a chance to get a toe-hold on potato foliage.
- 8 USE DITHANE M-22 UNTIL THE VINES ARE KILLED.** Waiting too long between the last spray and vine killing is risky. Blight spores (especially late blight) can attack any time and cause tuber rot in storage.
- 9 SEE YOUR DEALER FOR DITHANE M-22.** Ask him for a copy of AG-123—"DITHANE Controls Potato Blight Just Right." This bulletin explains fully how and why DITHANE M-22 protects your potatoes from start to finish for higher yields, higher profits.



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